GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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FARMERS REQUIREMENT OF UREA
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers require Urea (Chemical fertilizers) in large quantity;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in some States urea is still being sold through Cooperative Societies and it is not available in the open market;

(c) whether the Government have received any memorandum in this regard; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a): Yes, Sir. Consumption level of urea, among all chemical fertilisers, is the highest in the country.

(b): The distribution of fertiliser within the State is the responsibility of the concerned State Government. The fertilisers are normally distributed to farmers through co-operative network, State Government and private outlets in open market. However, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Tripura and Nagaland,the distribution of urea is made through State institutional agencies/ State Government. Besides, in Madhya Pradesh, while urea is mainly distributedthrough State institutional agencies, fertiliser companies are also permitted to sell through company owned retail outlets.

(c) & (d): Prior to the permission granted to sell urea through company owned retail outlets by Government of Madhya Pradesh, Government of India after receiving representations, had taken up the issue with the State Government to consider opening the marketing of urea through private channel.